

## STOCKS AND BONDS

Market Shows Improvement Over Last few Days.

## RAILROADS ARE AFTER FUNDS

Enormous Expansion in the Gross Earnings of Railroads is Recorded for the Second Week of This Month. Money Market is Easier.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—There was a further contest to sustain prices in the stock market today which proved successful after irregular movements, and was followed by a rally from the low points of last week. The \$16,267,400 Chicago & North-western stock issue and the action towards the issue of \$14,000,000 Delaware & Hudson convertible bonds showed that the flotation of new capital was not completed. The rate for call loans was appreciably easier today. The extraordinary rate of expansion in gross earnings of railroads reported for the second week of February was of a favorable effect on sentiment.

The percentage of increase over the corresponding week of last year in the case of Louisville & Nashville reached 36 per cent., Central of Georgia 34 per cent. and Southern Railway 27 per cent. Support of the market was manifested at the opening, but was met by the selling caused inevitably by last week's drop in prices and the calls for additional margin which went out in consequence. The market rallied at the last, however, and closed firm.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, \$2,490,000.

Chicago Grain Market. CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Active covering by shorts caused a firm tone today in the local wheat market, final quotations on May delivery being up 3-8. Corn was up 1-2 and 5-8. Oats showed a gain of 3-8 and 1-2. Provisions were 2-12 and 5 cents lower to 5 cents higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Wheat No. 2:	82 1/2@82 3/4	83 1/4
May:	81 1/2@81 3/4	82 1/4
July:	81 1/2@81 3/4	82 1/4
Corn No. 2:	42 1/2@42 3/4	43 1/4
May:	42 1/2@42 3/4	43 1/4
July:	42 1/2@42 3/4	43 1/4
Sept.:	42 1/2@42 3/4	43 1/4
Oats No. 2:	29 1/2@29 3/4	29 3/4
May:	29 1/2@29 3/4	29 3/4
July:	29 1/2@29 3/4	29 3/4
Sept.:	29 1/2@29 3/4	29 3/4

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, weak; No. 2 Spring wheat, 81 1/2@84; No. 3, 76 1/2@80 1/4; No. 2 red, 83 1/2@84 1/2; No. 2 corn, 39 1/2@40; No. 2 yellow, 39 1/2@40; No. 2 oats, 29 1/2@30; No. 2 white, 30 1/2@32; No. 3 white, 29 1/2@30; No. 2 rye, 63; good feeding barley, 37 1/2@38; fair to choice malting, 40@42; No. 1 flax seed, 1.07; No. 1 Northwestern, 1.12; prime timothy

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seed, 3.35; mess pork per bbl., 15.55 @15.60; lard, per 100 lbs., 7.75; short ribs sides (loose), 8.00@8.10; dry salted shoulders, —; short clear sides (boxed), 8.50@8.55; whiskey, basis of high wines, 1.26; clover, contract grade, 14.15.

New York Money Market. NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Money on call, steady, 3 and 5 per cent; ruling rate, 4 to 4 1/4; closing bid, 3; offered at 4. Time loans firm; sixty days and ninety days 5 1/2 and 5 3/4 per cent; six months, 5 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5 and 5 1/4 per cent; commercial bills, 482 3/8; bar silver, 66 1/4; Mexican dollars, 51 1/2.

Baltimore Produce Market. BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 19.—Flour, dull, unchanged. Wheat, dull, spot contract 85 1/2. Corn, strong; spot 46 1/4 and 46 3/8; southern white corn, 43 and 46 3/4. Oats, easier; No. 2 mixed, 34 and 34 1/4. Rye, dull; No. 2 western, 72 and 73.

ASPARAGUS. Its Relation to the Famous Asphodel of the Early Ages.

As a tickler of the palate asparagus has come down the ages with all the weight of Greek and Roman approval. Plato ate it by the plateful, and Aristophanes, the humorist, regarded it as a great aid in digesting the crank philosophers of the day.

It is an odd fact that this culinary plant is closely related to the famous asphodel, which was supposed by the ancients to be the leading flower in the gardens of the Elysium, the Greek purgatory or paradise. A part of the quaintness of this lies in the fact that the roots possess purgative qualities. The roots and fruit of both were formerly much used in medicine for this purpose.

According to the superstition of the Romans, the manes of the dead fed on the roots of the asphodel. They planted it, therefore, in and around the cemeteries; hence to this day it covers with its beautiful golden blossoms as profusely as dandelions the Apulian hills and valleys, and the sheep feed on it greedily.

It belongs to the same natural order of perennials, and the only difference between the asparagus and the asphodel appears to be in the fruit and the color of the flowers. So abundant is the wild asparagus in the steppes of Russia that cattle eat it like grass, just as Italian sheep devour its botanical cousin.

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## UP TO THE COMMISSION

Mr. Moody is too "Busy" to Prosecute Railroads.

## SHIRKS HIS DUTY IT IS SAID

Attorney General Thinks That the Inter-State Commerce Commission. That Other "Hardworking" Body of Men Should See to Rate Questions.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Representative Townsend, of Michigan, has had a conference with Attorney General Moody, relative to the expediency of investigating the coal carrying roads and their control of the coal fields through the Department of justice, rather than through the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

As a result of this conference Mr. Townsend is convinced that the work should be done by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and he is urging action on the Tillman resolution, which will be reported by the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce tomorrow, probably so amended as to limit the scope of the investigation to the coal roads alone.

Attorney General Moody said he was willing to undertake the task if Congress should authorize the work, but he believed the Inter-State Commerce Commission could do it more readily. He said that the practices complained of were certainly inimical to the rights of the people, but he could not be sure that any criminal statute had been violated.

Whether such is the case the investigation must disclose. He could undertake one without authority of Congress only if complaint is presented by someone prepared to prove the facts. No one has yet appeared who is ready to do so, the charges to a great extent, being based on belief and rumors.

## Why He Was Embarrassed.

An attractive and altogether "bonny" young business woman came to Philadelphia with a large stock of practical knowledge of the world to carve out her fortune after passing her girlhood days in Edinburgh and London. Although without any undue amount of self consciousness or egotism, she is sometimes annoyed by the very evident admiration she attracts in public places. The other day while dining in a restaurant she fancied that the man opposite was preparing to speak to her, as he glanced her way and seemed to be making up his mind to open a conversation. The young woman assumed a most frigid air and looked as unapproachable as the arctic pole. The man as he left the table made one more half hearted attempt to speak, blushed red to his ears, then hurried away. When the young woman finished her luncheon and called for her check the waitress amazed her by exclaiming: "Why, I thought you were with that gentleman. I put your check and his together." The bill had manifestly been settled.—Philadelphia Record.

## The Art of Cross Examination.

A Devonshire architect was a witness in a county court dispute as to "ancient lights." The gentleman in question deposed that the light alleged to have been diminished was really as good as ever, and in proof of his assertion he said he went to the locus in quo with a very small print book and could read it easily.

"I rose counsel in cross examination, and the following dialogue ensued: "Have you it?" Witness—Yes. "What is it?" "The New Testament." "What part of it did you read?" Witness—"We unto you also, ye lawyer." (St. Luke xi, 46.)

Amid laughter the cross examination came to a speedy close.—Sheffield Independent.

## A Garden in a Tub.

Water lilies in tubs are better than nothing at all. A kerosene barrel sawed in half will furnish two tubs, each big enough for one plant. The tubs should be well washed out and soaked for some time in water in order to remove as much as possible of the oil and the glue which is put on to render the vessel tight. Three or four days to a week will suffice for this.

It will be better, though not essential, to have the tub sunk about half its depth in the earth so as to keep the roots cool. Though the leaves and flowers love sunshine, the black ooze in which the roots naturally live is always cool.—Garden Magazine.

## The Bright Side.

"I don't see how I could possibly be any worse off than I am, sir." "Then cheer up. You've got nothing further to worry about."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

There never was any party, faction, sect or cabal whatsoever in which the most ignorant were not the most violent, for a bee is not a busier animal than a blockhead.—Pope.

The Better Half Indeed. An English judge recently had an inspiration. A defendant appeared too dull to make a defense or answer intelligibly questions put to him by the judge. Suddenly the judge said, "Where do you live?" and the intelligible reply, "About five minutes off," was at once forthcoming. "Then just run home and fetch your wife, and run a little quicker than you talk." It was done, and the wife's clear and businesslike statement of the facts won the day for her helpless husband.

## Not a Safe Rule.

"I believe," said the enthusiastic young author, "that the first thing a man should do when he proposes to write a paper of any kind is to get full of his subject."

"I disagree with you," replied his more mature friend. "In fact, I shudder to think of what might result if I followed your advice."

"What are you working on?" "An address on intoxicating liquors to be read before our temperance society."

## The Prize Medal Holder.

First Athlete—Do you see that gentleman yonder? He holds the largest number of prizes and medals ever possessed by any one man. Second Ditto—What, that fellow? He doesn't look a bit like a champion. First Ditto—It is just as I tell you, though. He is a pawbroker, you see.

## One Woman's Way.

Husband—Why are you buying such an expensive present for Mrs. Shoddy? I thought you told me you hated her. Wife—So I do, but I know she can't afford to give me a return one as handsome, and it will make her perfectly furious.—Baltimore American.

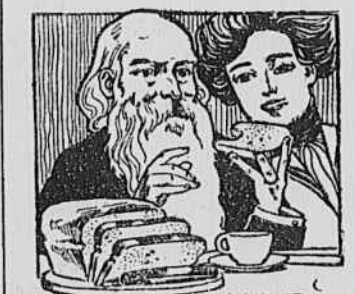
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Lv Norfolk (via Fern)	9:00 a.m.	3:24 p.m.
Lv Portsmouth	9:25 a.m.	8:50 p.m.
Lv Suffolk	9:54 a.m.	9:23 p.m.
Ar Lewiston N. C.	1:00 p.m.	
Lv Weldon	11:55 a.m.	11:30 p.m.
Lv Henderson	2:10 p.m.	1:49 a.m.
Lv Raleigh	4:00 p.m.	2:25 a.m.
Ar Southern Pines	6:16 p.m.	5:38 a.m.
Ar Hamlet	7:30 p.m.	6:45 a.m.
Ar Wilmington		12:45 p.m.
Ar Charlotte	10:45 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lv Hamlet	10:15 p.m.	6:45 a.m.
Lv Columbia	12:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Ar Augusta		6:20 p.m.
Ar Savannah	4:45 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
Ar Jacksonville	8:55 a.m.	6:50 p.m.
Ar Tampa	6:35 p.m.	7:35 a.m.
Lv Hamlet, N. C.	10:15 p.m.	7:20 p.m.
Ar Athens	6:03 a.m.	2:22 p.m.
Ar Atlanta	7:40 a.m.	3:40 p.m.
Ar Birmingham		9:25 p.m.
Ar Macon	11:10 a.m.	7:20 a.m.
Ar Montgomery	6:25 p.m.	9:20 p.m.
Ar Mobile		2:55 a.m.
Ar New Orleans		7:15 a.m.
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